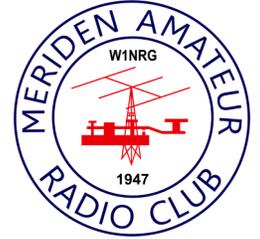


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FEBRUARY 2015

Business Meeting Thursday Feb 12, 2015, 7:30 pm,

Activity Meeting Thursday Feb 26, 2015, 7:30 pm,

Steve Tripp K1IIG, DMR & Repeater Systems

Wallingford Medical Reserve Building / Cook Hill Firehouse, 37 Hall Road, Wallingford

Business Meeting

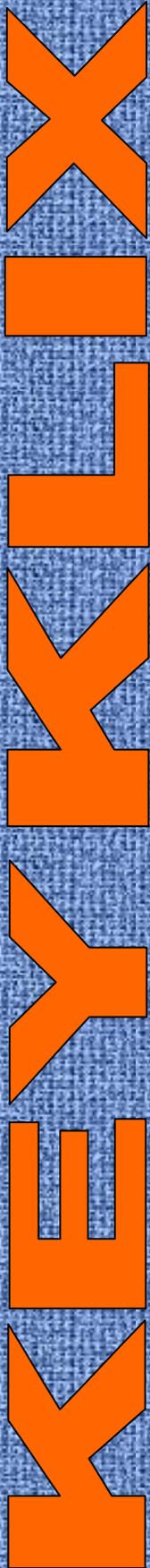
Ole New England weather is very predictable, there is a 100% chance that it does what it wants, despite what the various computer models tell us. There are the European Models, the U.S. Models and the most accurate is the Victoria Secret Model utilizing the George Washington method of flipping a quarter, they are also very entertaining and have a 50% chance of being right. So the Business meeting is scheduled for Thursday Feb 12 and alas yet another snow event is predicted????????? If the snow doesn't come, and the Clubhouse / Medical reserve Building is plowed out, and we have power and we have heat and we have hot coffee then we will meet unless there is a major decision to the contrary. Check back with the forum and we will try to get emails out also, if there is a change for Thursday Feb 12, 7:230pm at the Wlfd Medical Reserve Building.

Activity meeting:

Thursday February 26th is our next activity meeting with the guest speaker being Steve Tripp K1IIG addressing the club on CT ARES DMR Network.

Paul K1SEZ...MARC Public Information Officer

President Bill W1KKF announces that he has appointed Paul Ciezniak K1SEZ as the MARC Public Information Officer and will be responsible for all public relations issues. Congratulations to Paul and there is unanimous agreement that this is the best man for the job.



Secretary Report & Minutes of Meriden Amateur Radio Club (M.A.R.C.) January 2015

The business meeting opened at 7:30 EDST on January 8, 2015 with 14 people in attendance.

A quorum was present. Officers present: Bill (W1KKF), Al (N1API), Steve (KC1AXJ). chaired by President, Bill, W1KKF.

Announcements Next meeting 1/22

Activity meeting: Subject Hard Line

Introductions: No announcement of names/call signs, all knew each other at this meeting

Secretary's Report The December 2014 meeting minutes were published on the W1NRG website. No comments or questions

Treasurer's Report: Haggie (KB1HCC) was not present, but did send Bill a treasurer report which was reviewed. It was suggested an end of year audit of finances be done. Jim (N1ZN) is on committee to complete this task.

Contributions—Check from Nutmeg Hamfest.

Correspondence—None

Scholarship— Don Mitchell (KE1AY) was not present at meeting, nothing discussed.

Club Station & Facilities--Discussion of Radio Room build at club house. Rich (WA1TRY) will be meeting with Ernie from the town on 1/9/14 for planning discussions. Grounding in the new Radio Room was discussed and Rich will be seeing that through with Ernie. A ground rod in the room would be ideal. Antenna cable routing and Voltage wiring are also topics that will be discussed on 1/9/14.

Club Activities & Program (the 4th Thursday of the month)—

January – Jim (N1ZN) will discuss manufacture of Hard Line Coax cable

February-DMR (see New Business)

Nets Jim (N1ZN) and John (K1VDF) expressed good activity on the nets, nearly a dozen checkins per net. Recognition to Todd (K1TDO) for doing a great job on the 2M Net.

- HF SSB 28.375 Tuesdays at 8:00 PM, Primary NC John K1VDF
- VHF FM 147.36R Tuesdays at 7:00 PM, Primary NC Todd K1TDO
- VHFSSB 50.175 Mondays at 8 PM, Primary NC Jim N1ZN

Hamfests-WA1TRY

tabled for 2015 we will have to purchase new tickets for the event. Rich reported the Directors voted to increase the balance of Nutfest checking account higher than in past years by a few dollars. A check from Hamfest 2014 event was given to Bill (W1KKF) at this meeting.

Key Klix –Dave (K1WJL) reported articles are being sent in (good). 8 Key Klix are mailed to members.

Castle Craig—First weekend in February (2/7 & 2/8) is winter 2015 10-10 QSO party. Kick-off will be Friday 2/6/14, watch club website / BBS for more information.

Membership –There are a number of members of the club that have not paid their 2015 dues.

Dues are \$15, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for additional family members.

Interference and Technical—None

Repeater –Not discussed

Instruction & Testing—Not discussed

Candy Store—Jim (N1ZN) indicated the Parent shop, our previous vendor for shirts/caps/etc., is apparently out of business.

John (N1GNV) suggested Gold Medal Ideas as a potential vendor (they attend Nutmeg Hamfest). Jim's also looking at Queensboro as a vendor. A show of hands indicates that some members would like hats and jackets. If you'd like a jacket, let Jim (N1ZN) know. Bill (W1KKF) ordered new W1NRG flag / banner with correct color scheme [John (N1GNV) ordered this] looks good!

Club Media—Not discussed

EmComm—Joe (KC1BAQ) was not present. January 17th there is FEMA training happening.

For more information contact Joe (KC1BAQ).

Misc Old Business—

November Sweeps Mugs. Three were ordered by Steve (KC1AXJ) for three members wanting mugs (KC1BAQ, KC1ACN, and KC1AXJ). Add itionally two pins were ordered for sweeps for two members (KC1ACN, KC1AXJ). These should be fulfilled by ARRL in April 2015.

Ernie (town) would like pictures from events of our club with the town. Dave (K1WJL) will send Ernie photos from last year's field day and other events.

New Business –Badges Some folks indicated wanting name/call sign badges. John (K1VDF) and John (N1GNV) are looking into costs.

New Plaques—Elmer and Ham plaques are needed. Rich (WA1TRY) is looking to see where old plaques are.

Club PR—idea of having a PR person for the club. Paul (K1SEZ) was suggested, he's done a terrific job with STEM events, etc.

Bill (W1KKF) will contact Paul. Involvement –How do we get more involved? Need to be at public events. Need people to man booths at these events like "Taste of Wallingford", etc.

Field Day—Chris (WA1VXJ) has applied for the paperwork for Field Day for Marcus Cooke Park.

DMR— Suggested the club investigate purchase of handheld (like CS7000). Bill (W1KKF) asking Steve (K1IIG) for February activity meeting.

Contesting—Discussion on entering / editing contest logs was tabled. Outcome is perhaps the club needs a contest director to oversee club contesting in combination with Activity Director?

ARRL club search—Searching for local clubs on ARRL, W1NRG doesn't show up as a club in Wallingford. Steve (KC1AXJ) will query ARRL.

Website—Mark (K1PU) states all is well. If you want anything posted just send it to him. Rich (WA1TRY) mentioned the costs for maintaining the domain of the website.

Club Cellphone—Used for web access of laptop. Cost is \$10/month minimum (must be activated for at least one day/month). If minimum activation per month isn't adhered to, a reactivation fee is imposed (\$40) when more minutes/Gb are added. Rob (KC1ACN) will investigate if there is a less expensive service. Tabled was the thought of the town having internet access provided at the clubhouse.

Club Call sign use —Any club member can use the W1NRG call but must ask permission from the trustee (Chris-WA1VXH). For club events Chis needs to be notified if we are using the W1NRG call sign.

The meeting adjourned by voice vote about 8:55 PM to continue informal discussions around the coffee, cider and cookies.

Submitted: Steve Allen KC1AXJ, Secretary

Meeting Attendees on January 8, 2015

K1LYP, K1PU, K1VDF, K1WJL, KC1ACN, KC1AXJ, N1API, N1BF, N1GNV, N1ZN, W1KKF, WA1TRY, WA1VXH, & WV2LKM



Shack-Shot Chris WA1VXH

My main radio is a Yaesu FT-950 with a Icom 706 MKIIG as a backup. I use a Mico Keyer II to interface my 950 running N1NM. I have several commercial radio that I use for work.

Chris WA1VXH

**N1GNV
QUICKSILVER RADIO &
CREW WITH TWO YL HAMS
HE HIRED FROM ITALY**

ILØVEU & IK1SSU



KIDS DAY 2015 AT THE CLUBHOUSE



PHOTO COLLAGE COURTESY OF STEVE KC1AXJ
A YOU TUBE VIDEO IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT <http://youtu.be/GxNVFP2Q7Ew>

An Email from Stephanie Griffin, a former Scholarship recipient.

Follow up - Thank you

Hello,

This message is for Don Mitchell and the crew at W1NRG. My name is Stephanie Griffin and I was a former recipient of your scholarship back in 2010. I was going through some old paperwork today and found your information again and wanted to first say hello and thank you! I will have you know, my pursuits in radio will certainly not leave you disappointed. After attending Quinnipiac for my Communications degree, I joined the student run radio station on campus and had a radio show every semester I was there. I learned the skills in broadcasting, recording, and on-air work that many of you are familiar with. Such experience helped me land my first job after college last year at CBS Radio upon graduating. Though it's my part time job, I have been working overnights during a few weekends on month on the CT radio station, 96.5 TIC. Honestly, if it wasn't for your scholarship post way back 5 years ago, I may have never known I would've grown a love to work in radio. I truly want to thank all of you, and wish you are all doing well! If there's ever an opportunity I can stop by, help on a broadcast, or anything else please let me know!

Thanks again! Hope to talk to you soon.

Stephanie



ANTENNA & TOWERS AT QTH OF JOHN K1LYP

Club News.....

Bob WB1GYZ, I submitted the winning eBay bid on a TS520-S. I forgot how much tweaking tube rigs need to get a signal on the air. It now sits atop my 940, which spoiled me for its ease of use. Can't wait to make my first contact—Remember, real radios glow in the dark...

Eric KB1JL has rejoined the MARC and together with **Pat N1BF** and **John K1LYP** can put up antennas without the use of any ladders (of course anyone over 5'2" is considered tall to the editor).....

Haggie, KB1HCC is really missing out on the fun being in Florida, he is not enjoying snow, ice, blizzards, whiteouts, 4-5 layers of clothing..We feel for you Haggie.....

Same goes for **John N1GNV** making a southern run for QSRadio, hope you run out of sunscreen and get a severe trucker burn.....

N1API Al and a few other MARC members participated in the 10-10 Winter QSO party, but Al as usual posted impressive contest results, 447 Q's for a score of 691.

Gary KJ4PV received his ten-ten number in the middle of the contest.

Al N1API Writes.....

These were some of the best conditions that I've seen for a Winter Phone Party in many years. I spent most of my time either on 28.354 or 28.345 calling and had some good runs. The band was open to Europe and I was getting calls as late as 18:00 UTC from EU stations which I worked off the reverse of the StepIR. But also stations from all over the US, and Canada and was called by an HK0 from San Andres Island, ZL's and Hawaii. I heard 10-10ers that I have not heard in years. There were contacts from 10-10ers who turned the radio on and said that this was the first time they've been on a 10-10 contest in many years, number 101 called me. He said that when he got his number he was a young ham in the Coast Guard and is now in his early 60's. He's "almost" a charter member of 10-10, the first 100 members were. I worked a few new numbers under 1000 that I have not met before. Also many new numbers including club member **KJ4PV** who just got his number this week or weekend. So far the highest number I've worked though I'm sure there are some higher already. Many stations collecting for their numbers I bet our 10-10 numbers show up on a ton of applications.

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MEETINGS:
7:30PM ON THE 2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS OF THE MONTH, UNLESS
OTHERWISE POSTED,
AT THE COOK HILL FIREHOUSE/MEDICAL RESERVE BLDG,
37 HALL ROAD, WALLINGFORD

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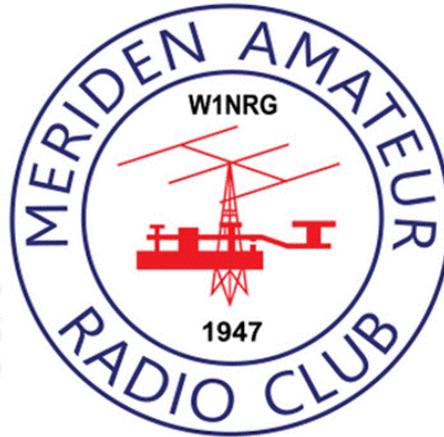
CLUB NETS

6 MTR NET MONDAYS 8PM
50.175MHZ N1ZN JIM

2 METER NET TUESDAYS 7PM
147.36 /RPT K1TDO TODD

10 METER NET TUESDAYS 8PM
28.375MHZ K1VDF JOHN

10/10 CASTLE CRAIG CHAPTER
CONCURRENTLY WITH CLUB NET
28.375MHZ TUESDAYS 8PM N1API AL



WEBSITE:

WWW.W1NRG.COM

FORUM/BBS:

GO TO WWW.W1NRG.COM
AND FOLLOW THE LINKS

CASTLE CRAIG 1010 WEBSITE:

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CLUB REPEATER W1KKF/R
147.36MHZ +600 OFFSET
NO PL TONE (OPEN REPEATER)

MARC MEMBERS

AB1HB Charlie Dudac
AF1HS Art Fregeau
K1LHO Mike Ash
K1LYP John Yusza
K1MVM Mike Macri
K1PU Mark Mokoski
K1SEZ Paul Ciezniak
K1TDO Todd Olsen
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N1BF Patrick Dionne
N1GNV John Bartscherer
N1GY Geoff Haines
N1HCA Susan South
N1LGH Barbara Stone
N1NAN Helen Spokes
N1OKF Bob Parisi
N1VTE Sarah Kaczor
N1ZN James Savage
W1ATV Walt Yatzook
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W1DMM Dan Murphy
W1KKF Bill Wawrzeniak
W1NHS Fred Ring
W1POP Fred Liedke
W1SKP Skip Paquette
W1VCU Nelson Denison
W7FUR William Spokes
WA1JKR John Rogus
WA1TRY Rich Aubin
WA1VXH Chris Siebert
WB1GGP Jerry Sheppard
WB1GYZ Bob Biancur
WB8IMY Steve Ford
WV2LKM Steve Waldmann
WY1U Timothy Mik